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Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

DATE: 1 December 1959

FROM : Chief, Electronic Equipment Branch, D/I

SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report, November 1959



1. Status of Branch Projects

a) Project 36.2376, "The Impact of Guided Missile Requirements on the Electronics Industry of the USSR" Analyst: 25X1A9a

Most of the analyst's efforts in November were devoted to acquiring cost data on the electronic components of US missile systems. These efforts included discussions and visits with representatives of DOD Supply and Logistics, Air Material Command, Army Ordnance, and the Electronics Production Resources Agency. The next phase of activity on this project will take the analyst to the West Coast for further discussions on missile electronics costs with representatives of the Air Force and industry.

b) Project 36.2377, "The Production and Dissemination of Semiconductor Devices in the USSR" Analyst: 25X1A9a

During November this project was reproduced and disseminated as CIA/RR 59-44.

c) Project 36.2754, "The Electronics Industry of Poland" Analyst: 25X1A9a

The first draft of this project was jointly reviewed by the analyst and Acting Branch Chief. Changes and modifications indicated by this review were not basic in nature and were incorporated without difficulty into a second draft. The second draft has now been retyped and will be forwarded to the Division on 4 December. Delay in forwarding this project on schedule was occasioned largely by the efforts of the analyst to overcome inherent information problems in developing time series depicting the volume of Polish electronics production in value terms.

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d) Project 36.2753, "The Production of Electronic Computers in the USSR' 25X1A9a Analyst:

project were reviewed by the Branch Chief while on TDY. A substantial portion of the analyst's research efforts during November was devoted to a revision of the statistical portions which, in turn, stemmed from the acquisition of important new information. In addition, undertook, on her own initiative, to subject her estimates informally to searching scrutiny and evaluation by counterpart analysts in OSI and AFCIN. feels that this proved to be a most useful and informative discussion and that, for all practical purposes, mutual agreement was reached as to volume of production and product mix of Soviet electronic computers.

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e) Project 36.2378, "The Electronics Industries of the European Satellites, ""(Phase 2 - Hungary) Analyst:

The analyst reports no change in the status of this project since the last monthly report.

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25X1A9a / f) Project 36.2752, "ORR Military Electronics Estimates" Analyst:

> Absence of the Branch Chief on TDY continued to operate as a retarding factor on research time for this project. Analyst did, however, accumulate a further considerable amount of essential background information as a result of numerous substantive discussions with analysts of I/AR, I/SH, I/ME and other five members of I/EE. The purpose of these discussions was to obtain from the branches concerned a clear exposition concerning the methods by which each component contributes to ORR estimates of Soviet military electronics expenditures.

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g) Project 36.2755, "Exploratory Project: Soviet Electronics Plants"

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Responsibility for further progress of this project continued during November to be allocated to the said approach which has now been developed by 25X1A9a is to do away with multiple plant files and listings and to establish a single dossier for each known plant or installation. In the process of consolidation, duplicate and obsolete information is being eliminated with the result that each dossier will contain only relevant information and use of the plant files system as a whole will be facilitated. Plans in the near future to survey plant files held by "the country" and to ensure that no important information gaps exist in the I/EE plant dossiers.

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2. Status of Support Projects

Project 48.2667, Intelligence Support for Economic Defense Policy-Making and Operations

25X1A9a continued to provide intelligence support on economic defense matters in connection spent five weeks with the 1959 COCOM list review. in Paris in direct support of the negotiations. Many items have been successfully negotiated, although several of the more important electronics items remain disagreed and have been carried over to the second round of the negotiations. These include microwave communications equipment, line carrier communications equipment, electronic computers, magnetic tape equipment, and airborne electronic equipment. These items constitute areas of great interest to other participating countries as they cover equipments where the greatest amount of trade may take place in the event of substantial relaxation of controls.

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3. Changes in Estimates

None.

4. Relations with Other Components

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a) returned to Headquarters duty from TDY to

In addition to rendering intel
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discussed substantive matters of I/EE interest with

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25X1A9a b) Plans have been made for to travel to the West Coast with members of I/GM for the purpose of visiting missile deployment sites and missile manufacturing installations. The objective of participation will be the acquisition of data on electronics costs in missile systems. 25X1A9a met with Messrs. Sperry and Harris the Electronic Production Resources Agency (EPRA), DOD, to discuss a projected EPRA survey of electronics costs in weapon systems procurement. 25X1A9a participated in a one-day trip, sponsored by the Industrial Register, to inspect the SAGE Headquarters, Washington Air Defense District located at Fort Lee, Virginia. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a met with of OSI and Lt. O. E. Hayes of AFCIN 4E ld, to discuss characteristics, production, levels, and product mix of electronic computers in the USSR. discussed military electronics costs at the Pentagon with representatives of DOD Supply and Logistics, Air Material Command, and Army Ordnance. 25X1A9a participated in a meeting of the Interagency Working Group assigned to develop and coordinate planning for 25X1X7 Conference on Electronics to be held in the summer of 1960. 25X1A9a